

GOD'S MASTER PLAN

SAVED US AND SET US FREE

LESSON:

Salvation is more than a one-time moment—it's a divine exchange. When Jesus saves us, He transfers us from death to life, from shame to grace, from darkness into light. The Bible paints this as a rescue mission. On our own, we are lost—blinded, and bound by sin. But Jesus doesn't leave us there. He steps into the darkness, finds us, and carries us out. Light, in Scripture, symbolizes truth, clarity, freedom, and hope. And Jesus doesn't just give us light—He is the Light. When we follow Him, we don't become better versions of ourselves—we become entirely new creations. We walk in freedom, purpose, and identity. "For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." – Colossians 1:13-14

There's a kind of freedom the world offers—freedom to do whatever we want, whenever we want. But it often leads to deeper bondage: anxiety, emptiness, guilt, and shame. Jesus offers a different kind of freedom—one that liberates the soul. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus broke the power of darkness. We were caught in a cycle we couldn't escape, bound by things we couldn't fix. But Jesus didn't just offer help—He offered Himself. He took our place on the cross, carrying every sin, every failure, every burden. And when He rose again, He declared victory—not just for Himself, but for all who believe in Him. "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." – John 8:36 "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." – Ephesians 5:8 Freedom in Christ means we are no longer defined by our past. We are not slaves to fear, guilt, or condemnation. We are forgiven, loved, chosen, and free. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." – Luke 19:10 "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." – Romans 10:9 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me..." – Galatians 2:20 Being saved means our lives are now under Jesus' lordship. It's a new way of living—marked by grace, truth, and love. We live with hearts full of gratitude, walking in obedience and on mission with Him. Let's take some time to worship freely and thank God for all he has done.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus rescue us from?
2. Why is the freedom Jesus gives better than the freedom the world promises?
3. How can we live like children of the light?

ACTIVITY:

Invite two or three close families to join your family for a time of worship and fellowship. Feel free to come in your pajamas and enjoy a bonfire with s'mores. For an added touch, consider setting up tents in your backyard to make the evening even more special. Together, we'll eat, worship, play, and pray. Take a moment to go around and share what each person is grateful for since experiencing the salvation of Jesus."

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